

MONEY FOR

HEALTH & EDUCATION

NOT WAR & DETENTION

In March 2003 the Howard government led Australia to an illegal war with Iraq, based on the claim that Iraq had massive stockpiles of biological and chemical weapons. We now know this was a lie. At least 10,000 Iraqi civilians have died. Howard is a war criminal and he should be tried in an international court. Now we learn of US rape, torture, and murder at the prison of Abu Ghraib. Australian troops were involved as they handing over captured suspects to the US.



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JAMES VASSILOPOULOS

SOCIALIST ALLIANCE FOR FRASER

James is the convener of the ACT Network Opposing War, the group that organised the 15,000-strong anti-war protest on Feb 15 2003. He has also been active in the Refugee Action Committee. James is a high school teacher.

The tragic bombing in Madrid has shown us that the world is not a safer place since the invasion of Iraq. In fact it is more dangerous. The bombings have shown that if government's act like terrorists, they will become the target of terrorists. Socialist Alliance stands for:

- * **withdrawing all troops out of Iraq NOW**
- * **aid for the Iraqi people, not occupation of their country and plunder of their oil.**

The Howard government is also waging war at home. In the latest budget he gave tax cuts to the rich but no tax cuts for the poor. Earlier he cut the dental scheme for pensioners yet lowered the big business tax rate to 30 cents/dollar. Under the guise of 'border protection', desperate refugees fleeing war and persecution are imprisoned in desert camps or confines behind razor wire on remote Pacific islands. Socialist Alliance stands for:

- * **closing down all the refugee camps and freeing the refugees**
- * **an end to racist scapegoating**

Troops Out Now! Iraq for the Iraqis

(Protest organised by ACT Network Opposing War)

Saturday July 3 12 noon

Garema Pl, Civic.

PTO

Show your heart for refugees

(Organised by the Refugee Action Committee)

demonstration

Sunday June 20 12noon

Federal parliament house



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There is an alternative

Howard has to go! But will Labor be much better? Latham will keep refugees in detention. The ALP is an economic-rationalist party that supports the free market and privatisation. It will not increase taxes on big corporations nor slash military spending to fund a huge boost in education and health. It will not support free university education. It will continue to hand billions to private schools and to private health companies. ALP state and territory governments have not given nurses and teachers a decent wage nor reduced workloads.

Socialist Alliance stands for a government that puts people before profit.


- * **we would halve military spending saving \$8 billion**
- * **increasing the corporate tax rate to 46 cents/dollar would provide \$17 billion in extra revenue.**

Socialist Alliance stands for restoring Medicare as a universal health guarantee for all

- * **we could extend**

The money from one Collins class submarine (\$1.1 billion) could pay for:

- * 173,000 public school places
- * 250,000 child care places
- * 33,700 hospital beds



- * **we could extend Medicare to all optical and dental services**
- * **phase out the private health insurance rebate of \$2.4 million (2003-04)**

Socialist Alliance stands for free public education, from primary school to university.

- * **we would end funding to all private schools**
- * **abolish all university fees**
- * **massively increase the number of teachers, reduce class sizes, reduce the hours and workload of teachers.**

Socialist Alliance is a unique political party, in two ways. We believe the only way of achieving these aims is by building grassroots movements and working-class movements. These movements such as the anti-war, refugee, and Palestinian solidarity movements are the only counter-power we have to big business and the corporate media.

Secondly, we advocate a fundamentally new type of society. Our goal is an Australia where the majority of people (workers and unemployed, family farmers and small business, students and pensioners) would gain power to make decisions currently made by the Kerry Packers and John Howards.

If you agree with us, don't just vote for us, join us! Together we are stronger.



James chairing the 20,000 strong Convergence on Canberra demo, Parliament House, March, 2003

Join Socialist Alliance

- * **phone 6247 2424, 6247 0568 or 0405 309 283**

- * **visit the Activist Centre, 1st Fl Omonoia Building, 175 City Walk, Civic**

We need your help

- * **donate to our campaign**
- * **help letterbox and poster**
- * **come to our campaign meetings**

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Get a copy of "Another Australia is possible- Socialist Alliance election manifesto".

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